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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 21, 2002, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Response which is set to expire on August 21, 2002. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a fee transmittal in duplicate.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 31, page 46, line 12, please delete "337," after the phrase "SEQ NOS: 280, 317". In line 11, please delete "an".

In claim 32, page 46, line 18, please delete "337," after the phrase "SEQ NOS: 280, 317". In line 16, please insert the phrase "in said cell, tissue sample, or test mammal".